## The Present Condition of the Gibraltar of the East

overthrow of Port Arthur at any cost was never a mystery to scientists and diplomats who insisted upon being puzzled. Diplomacy takes

no cognizance of sentiment, and Japan's motive was clearly the feeling that had its lodgment deep in the national neart, that healthy species of amor patriae of which the occidental

Now that she has accomplished her object at a sacrifice of life and treasure that has appalled the world, now that the national sense of justice is appeased, speculation concerning her dissosition of the hard won prize is agitating Japan's friends and foes with almost equal insistence. Now that the dismantled Gibraltar of the east is hers, what will she do with it? Her belief that it was not impregnable has been verified, and her faith in her own power te humiliate it has been shown to be rational. Great as her triumph undoubtedly is, will she regard it as suffi-Will she endeavor to derive from it some recompense more material than the joy of victory with which to dull the memory of the ghastly price that has been demanded and paid?

If Japan adheres to her original intention, expressed openly and oft repeated during the course of the investment, she has no desire to become proprietor of any portion of the Asian mainland. She has more than once declared unreservedly that she did not begin the war from the motive of territorial acquirement. Although her persistence in this attitude seems incomprehensible to the western mind in the light of subsequent events, it would be in line with her unbroken course of amazing sincerity if she should abide by her early promises. It must be remembered also that her voluntary relinquishment of all schemes of territorial expansion was accompanied by a plainly expressed warning to all other nations that they would be expected to exhibit a like moderation.

One thing, however, is inevitable. The Japanese will remain in Port Arthur until the czar abandons his policy of Muscovite extension in Asia or succeeds in finding a way to dislodge them. Since neither of these possibilities is imminent, the doughty island warriors will be Port Arthur's tenants for so long a time that the national policy of nonextension of territory may be mod-

Although the restoration of the fallen ture of a vast amount of treasure, it iarly congenial to the Japanese temperament. It will mean a regeneration de fallen town they found literally nothing could have done something with it. might otherwise have attracted from Now it will be like the exhuming of an-

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In order to comprehend the magniamor patriae of the possible restoration of the world has hitherto appropriated the destroyed city and fortress of Port Arthur it is necessary to make a brief review of its career from the moment that its eligibility as a great stronghold was made apparent to the astute Mongolian statesman Li Hung Chang. For hundreds of years previous to that time Chinese junks and Manchurian craft,

There will be no lack of tender nursing and the blessed ministration that have been such noble features of the present day. The Chinese government the coast, who call it by its more euldeas. Several years before this time thur, and it was planned to transform that clever American diplomat, the late that clever American diplomat, the late present day. The Chinese government that clever American diplomat, the late place into one of the most composed in the place into one of the most composed the place into one of the place into one of the place into one of the most composed the place into one of name, and it might have passed into that it began to cultivate a tolerance oblivion if the British traders at Shang- for things occidental. Following his vised for the development of Port Ar- comparative ability of the contractors

likewise declined to accept the new confidence of the Chinese government world.

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In 1894 the Japanese, then at war with the Chinese empire, stole in through one of the narrow defiles which lead through the protecting mountains and after a bloody fight captured the city and garrison. For two years there was no one to dispute Japan's authority in the captured fortress. At the close of that period, moved by Russia's gloomy

predictions and China's wails, the alfied powers that had taken the contract to clear up the eastern muddle served notice on the Japanese that they must restore Port Arthur to its legitimate owners. The little warriors obeyed reluctantiy, but before leaving they took the precaution to destroy the fortifica-

Two years later Russia, having cajoled the Chinese government into a curious agreement denominated a "lease," took possession of the place. The Chinese had done little toward rebuilding the overthrown forts, but the new tenants soon began the complete restoration of the fortress upon a scale far surpassing the original design and made no secret of the czar's intention to make it the Gibraltar of the eastern world. The ambition of the Muscovites was so apparent and the negotiation with China was so farcical that no one was deceived in the matter. The magnitude of the Russian scheme of making the place impregnable made the plea of temporary occupancy absurd even to the czar's illiterate soldiery, and belief in permanent ownership was

From the moment of Russia's occupancy until the breaking out of the present war, a period of six years, there was never any perceptible cessation in the activity due to Russia's attempt to make Port Arthur an absolutely safe center for her long contemplated and ingenious scheme of Asiatic expansion. The work was continuous day and night, and there was no indication at any time that economy figured as a prominent element. The national treasury was drained to make Port Arthur and its splendid satellite. Dalny, the center of the Russian dream of eastern supremacy. The treasure poured into this specious enterprise would have served in the capable and economical hands of the Japanese to found an empire. Even in the bungling and inefficient hands of the Muscovites it dazzles one on account of its immensity. Failure though it be, it was a mighty conception.

This is the ruined heritage into which the fortunes of war have inducted the tion. It is not only that the boasts and threats of the hated aggressor have been silenced, but the places where he stood have crumbled into dust. To the sober and abstemious Japanese, accustractors. During all this time of its slow evolution the outside world manifested little curiosity and less interest | evidences of Russian prodigality which concerning it. Roving correspondents lie at his feet must temper the joy of sent occasional accounts of its wonder- victory with the sensible regret which waste inspires. He it is who knows from the far east were believed to be best of all how nearly impregnable his more exciting than reliable. It is a foes succeeded in making their Gibralfact, however, that by this time Port tar, and he it is who best realizes the

> A year ago the world could not have foretold Japan's policy in regard to the occupation of Port Arthur. Today it has been made wiser, and it believes that the course of the wonderful little orientals, whatever its detail may de-

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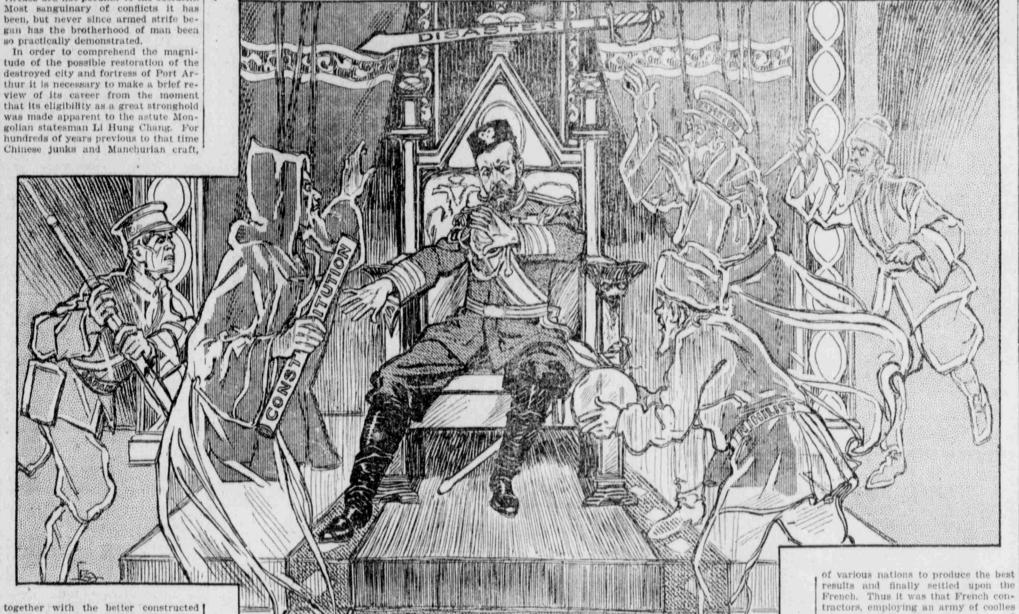
ries, emus, cockatoos and other birds of

splendid plumage in great abundance.

around it. It picks the blossoms of or-

chids, which abound in the forests, and

the end of the tube.



ed harbor of Lushunk'ow, as it was foridol will be a task which must demand merly called. From seaward the spot incredible patience and the expendi- was almost hidden, the only indication of its presence being a slit in the high will doubtless be an undertaking pecul- cliffs which rose precipitously from the water's edge. This natural cleft in the mountains was only about 200 yards in When the victors entered the width originally. Once within this narrow entrance, there appeared a wide intact. Upon taking stock of their pain- stretch of water hemmed in on every fully acquired assets it is little wonder | side by lofty cliffs. In the narrow valthat one of Japan's most distinguished | leys between these cliffs a few Chinese engineers clapped his hands and ejac- nondescripts of unsavory reputation ulated fervently: "Oh, that we had this had built mud huts and lived in them,

vessels of the Japanese, sailing the Yellow sea in the coastwise trade had

made a common resort of the landlock-

That was the condition of the spot in 1860 when four ships of the British navy sailed in at high tide through the no problem to the resourceful con- cleft and proceeded to land a surveying region querors; they will be treated with the party. The commander of the little William Arthur. was Lieutena

not introduced it into the pigeon dia-lect of oriental commerce. Although spot as it was in the beginning, fresh from the hand of nature! Then we reckless mode of obtaining a livelihood oriental understanding, survived, it added nothing to the immediate prosperity of the place. Twenty years later it was merely a convenient shelter for

> which are a feature of the Yellow sea About that time, however, the Celestial empire began to show some signs I in the ability of its own engineers, the

small shipping from the sudden squalls

to send their sons abroad in order that dry docks, refitting basins and foun-China's determination to establish a realization of that scheme was the se-

THE SHADOWS THAT HAUNT THE THRONE OF RUSSIA. hai and the lower coast settlements had | advice and reassured by the visit to the | thur were drawn originally in the of-United States of the treaty commission, fices of French engineers. They em-Celestial families of distinction began braced great dockyards, workshops, they might acquire a further knowledge dries to be set conveniently along the of the "foreign devils" and their bar- water front and on the cliffs a system barous ways. All of this resulted in of fortifications such as the world had never seen. These plans were not comnavy. One of the first steps toward the | pleted in a hurry. They were subject to a series of modifications and revisions lection of a suitable location for a great extending over several years and were naval station. Having little confidence passed upon with great particularity by Li Hung Chang and now has called forth the admiration of With characteristic British disregard of of awakening from its long centuries of government employed French and Eng- ment's lesser advisers. After the Pe- daily instruction by experts imported follow.

results and finally settled upon the French. Thus it was that French contractors, employing an army of coolles who worked for 15 cents a day and on the earth is capable of a keener ap"found themselves," were engaged for preciation of the mockery of the situaseveral years upon the building of the stronghold. It was about ten years-in 1891-be-

fore Port Arthur was handed over to the Chinese government by the conful unfolding, but in those days stories Arthur had become a rather well built cost of demonstrating the hollowness of city of more than 1,000 houses and the boast. buildings outside of the government works, which formed a decidedly imposing ensemble upon the water front. It was inhabited by a commercial population of 6,000, not to mention the garrison of 7,000 Chinese soldiers. The forts were mounted with guns which were then the most modern in the mar-

## Some Interesting and Not Overdone Cannibals



of the merchant steamer Astrakhan, recently arrived at Philadelphia from Java, among the cannibals of New Guinea

would not have demanded a special act of faith for acceptance. In those days cannibals were common enough in the remote regions of the south Pacific, but the present generation has been spared the harrowing details of these faraway horrors. It seems, however, that cannibalism has not entirely disappeared from the face of the earth.

According to Ellis, he and seven companions were wrecked last summer on the northeast coast of New Guinea. They were immediately surrounded by a swarm of naked savages, who captured four of the party, the remaining four, who were armed with guns, escaping inland. To their great surprise, the prisoners were not put to death, but were confined in comfortable quarters and treated with marked consideration, being fed abundantly on, an appetizing vegetable diet. After several weeks they observed that as the result of inactivity and the wholesome food they were becoming fat. The more adipose they acquired the more marked became the devotion of their captors. They were congratulating themselves that their lines had been cast in such pleasant places when it occurred to Ellis that they were being made ready for one of the frightful banquets which are accredited to this unexplored region. This ghastly awakening made them

desperate. They resolved to escape the terrible finale at any cost. They tried to escape, but their inhuman captors were on the alert. They were sinking rapidly into the lethargy of despair when the cannibals were attacked by a tribe of noncannibal natives led by their former ship companions, who had been taken in by the friendlies. The entire party was permitted ultimately to return to civilization.

Among the very few inhabitable corhers of the round world which have not yet been deprived of the charm of nov-New Guinea ranks foremost. It has

ALF a century ago the experience of Thomas Ellis, one of the crew rights of his predecessors. It is, in short, a country which literally runs riot in ways that are alien to civilization for the distance, however, was short, a country which literally runs covered on foot and was marked by many stirring episodes.

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The difficulties of the way were most care to give these trees a wide of cassowary bone on a vein in the

other's forehead, the patient leans for-

ful white men. At last, reassured by is plugged, and the smoker inhales from the visitors' peaceful attitude, the entire population of the village would come out of hiding. These interior no dangerous carnivora in the island. Papuans proved to be a jovial and The Papuan hunts wild pigs with light hearted people, and when their wooden spears and entices them and confidence was once gained they were the giant cassowary into nets. The most friendly and hospitable. This wallaby, a species of miniature kangafact was made evident to the travelers roo, is taken in the same manner. after a stay of several days at one of There are man eating crocodiles in these settlements. They were anxious some of the streams, and numerous to proceed farther, but found them- poisonous serpents infest the dense selves absolutely without beads, which are the legal tender of the Papuans. Messengers were sent to the coast for a by the natives for a fishing net. All fresh supply, but the naturalists were that is necessary is to set up in the impatient to proceed. They resolved to forest a bamboo stick bent at the top borrow the necessary funds from their into a circular form. In the night the hosts. Having assembled the entire spider comes and fills the circle with tribe, the situation was explained in a the firm silken web, lengthy harangue, and the Papuans were asked to strip themselves of the ricties of birds of paradise are common coveted beads, which they were in great in the island, and there are cassowaquantities, and lend them to the strangers, with the understanding that they should be repaid on the travelers' re- Here also is the habitat of the bower turn some weeks later. This they bird, which not only builds one of the agreed cheerfully to do and proceeded most ingenious nests known to natural. at once to divest themselves of all their ists, but actually lays out a garden cherished gewgaws, One of the race mysteries of New Guinea is exemplified by the Motu-Motus, a tribe of piebald human beings mauve and white. whose origin is unexplained. These

The total population of New Guinea, unique Papuans seem to be rather more | which is much larger than England, is intelligent than the average natives of estimated at 706,000. Although the na-New Guinea and do not intermarry tives are savages in the full acceptawith the neighboring tribes. They tion of the term, polygamists and not cultivate their fertile soil. Although

build their curious dwellings on an infrequently cannibals, they have in open wooden framework. The super- many instances shown a marked willstructure is a closed in gable made of ingness to respond to civilizing influthatched'long grass. To this elevated ences. Their vitality and endurance habitation the owner and his family as-cend by means of a slanting pole. In British settlements many of them are instances there are special lad- beginning to learn English, and they ders for the accommodation of their seem to be anxious to be taught how to The Papuans are remarkably clan-nish, but they are also fond of inter-among themselves, they show no dispotribal social exchanges, manifested for sition to molest foreigners. the most part in welrd dances and ex-travagant banquets. Those who take tances in a limited time is almost inpart in the dances wear fantastic cos- credible. On one occasion carriers were tumes, consisting almost entirely of dispatched to a camp thirty miles disheaddresses and body ornaments made | tant in an almost inaccessible mounof beautiful feathers and the almost tain region. They started at 8 o'clock equally gorgeous native grasses. They in the morning and came back into smoke the bau-bau, a native pipe made camp at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of from a length of bamboo closed at both the following day. They had made the ends and provided with a small aper- journey of sixty miles and on the latter

## THE ROUND WORLD.

Sundays and fixed holidays excepted, in every 2,400,000 is killed, in France \$100,000 worth of fish is daily dragged one in every 13,000,000 and in Britain out of the sea by the fishermen of this one in every 28,000,000.

On American railways one passenger | The number of kippers consumed in

One of the most recent contributions | particularly by thick growths of sting- | There is also a smaller stinging plant | ward, and when a sufficient puncture to the wonder serial of New Guinea has ling trees. These curious trees in size, elty by frequent and exhaustive news-paper exploitation the great island of son, a lad of seventeen, who have been The underside of the leaf is extremely exploring the central division of Britbeen a wonderland since the marvel-ous reports of the early Portuguese of seeing the country and its marvels

rough, and its spines possess a stinging more decided, and the irritation is more

power like that of the nettle, only much | to gather bunches of the leaves, which | wound. they preserve carefully for future re-

MOKING

SCENES IN PAPUA, NEW GUINEA.

THE BAU-BAU

resembling the nettle which the natives is made the drill is removed, and the use as a universal specific for all allments. As soon as a clump of these faintness supervenes the flow is checkplants is discovered the women begin ed by the application of ashes to the As the explorers penetrated the in-

TREE

ers" and "men bakers,"

building stone in the world. Soft as pounds gives ninety-one pounds of weight of a single eyelash will turn the lane, Hackney, London, for flats to held 2,000 tenants, who must be Jews only.

Jars and bottles that smell of onions In the thirteenth century all the brewers and bakers were women. will be quite sweet and odorless if left When men began to take up these out of doors filled with sand or garden

> The committee on public accounts has Copper money in France is to be just issued its report of the cost of the

## havigators. Traders and missionaries from all seagoing countries have been amazed at the strangeness of the land represented the strangeness of the land represented the presented carefully for future features and the presented carefully for future features. They presented the presented carefully for future features and missionaries and securing specimens of lepidoptera lasting. The slightest contact with a quirement. They rub their bodies is followed by red-its formular to the presented carefully for future features and missionaries and securing specimens of lepidoptera lasting. The slightest contact with a quirement. They rub their bodies is for the presented carefully for future features and missionaries and securing specimens of lepidoptera lasting. The slightest contact with a quirement. They rub their bodies is for the presented through many native end of a green leaf rolled into the form would have made a white man grean. They set out from Hall sound with a white blister appears, followed by red-its formular to the presented carefully for future features and missionaries and securing specimens of lepidoptera lasting. The slightest contact with a quirement. They rub their bodies is for the presented through many native ture. Into this opening is inserted the would have made a white man grean. They set out from Hall sound with a white blister appears, followed by red-its formular transfers.

TRIBAL

DANCE

The royal army clothing depot turns In firing guns in the British navy the out 11,000 garments every week. This percentage of hits is 32.3—that is to is in the piping times of peace. In time

Pay, the fleet as a whole makes two of war the output has often exceeded misses to every hit.

a first class battleship during a commission would span in single column from London to New York, while the sardines if similarly disposed would

Over a hundred kinds of wine are made in Australia. The Fijian fossil coral is the best

air to the consistency of granite. Single eyeglasses are prohibited in duced from a ton of steel. encircle the earth at the equator. the German army. Even if a soldier The number of silk hats made annually in the United Kingdom is about must perforce cover both eyes with

> The Thames flows at the rate of two of soil. miles an hour.

cheese when first cut, it hardens in the mutton. About 10,000 gross of pens are pro-

An express engine consumes ten galhas one good eye, yet needs glasses, he lons of water per mile. An inch of rain means that 101 tons of water have fallen upon every acre

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